Maximus Thundercloud: Gladiator Hero - 101: "A Striking Hero Was Born"
Script (with cold opening)

COLD OPEN

FADE IN:

EXT. NYC TIMES SQUARE SIDEWALK - DAY

A group of people are gathered around a large building with a banner that reads "GameSphere: Launch TODAY!". Surprisingly, this is the day that the GameSphere officially launches in New York. Cut to a shot of the crowd closely. Surrounded by the huge crowd is Max Reynolds, a junior high student who speaks in a nerdy tone in his voice. Max unironically has gotten the very last GameSphere in stock. He wields it up with both his hands and shouts.

MAX (shouting; happily)
I've got it!
(inhales)
I'VE GOT THE LAST GAMESPHERE!!
(chuckles)

As Max holds the GameSphere box down with his hands, a random guy shouts from offscreen, angrily.

GUY #1 (shouting angrily; offscreen)
HEY!!

Max swivels his head to the left side as the guy shouts. Cut to a shot of several people, plus the man that yelled, angrily glaring at Max. The man points towards Max as he shouts.

GUY #1 (CONT'D)
THAT DUDE'S GOT THE LAST GAMESPHERE!!

PEOPLE (in unison; angrily)
LET'S GET HIM!!

Cut to a shot of Max, front facing, shocked and worried.

MAX (shocked and worriedly)
Oh boy!

Cut to a moving shot of Max running and screaming while being chased by several people. Cut to INT. NYC TIMES SQUARE SUBWAY STATION - STAIRWAY, where Max runs in to get away from all the angry people. Cut to a moving shot of Max running through the station, speaking.

MAX (bravely frowning)
Gotta find a way to escape, and FAST!

Max thinks for a bit and then he gets an idea, as a lightbulb appears above him. Cut to a shot of Max leaping over an incoming powerline in a tunnel, in slow motion. As he makes it across the tunnel, he then runs at normal speed. Cut to an aerial angle of Max running, where we see a shadow of a tall gladiator on a high wall. The mysterious gladiator is revealed to be a legendary gladiator and warrior, Kaeso Velius Opis, who starts to speak.

KAESO VELIUS OPIS (mysteriously brave)
How strange, a mortal human.

CUT TO a close up shot of Kaeso's eyes, angrily mysterious and looking.

KAESO VELIUS OPIS (CONT'D)
He is *destined* to be a heroic gladiator.

CUT TO INTRO, THEN TO BLACK.

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. NYC TIMES SQUARE APARTMENT #7 - DAY

The first act begins with an aerial view of an apartment building that is labeled "7", with a tree in front of it, blurred. As the camera zooms in closer towards the door, a panting Max runs towards the doorstep, holding his keys and the GameSphere. He unlocks the door and walks in, just as the angry mob is near. CUT TO INT. REYNOLDS APARTMENT - DOORWAY. A close up shot of the door is seen as Max runs into the apartment, finally escaping that angry mob.

MAX (panting)
(groaning)

Max eventually slouches down to the ground, which cuts to when it happens at a side angle, between the doorway, the dining room and the stairway upstairs. Suddenly, out of nowhere, a grappling hook appears to crash down to the ground from a cracked ceiling, and down the ceiling is Agent Wayne, Max's next door neighbor and an agent, who walks over and leans down to Max. Cut to a close up front-facing shot of Agent Wayne as he speaks.

AGENT WAYNE
You okay there, Max?

Cut to a similar shot of Max on the floor, faintly.

AGENT WAYNE (CONT'D)
You really had it going for you.

MAX (out of breath)
(faintly)
I survived an angry mob today.

Cut to the 3rd quarter view of the door as the lights dim and stage lights come on. The door opens to reveal the Dapper Brothers (Dapper Don and Dapper Dave) as they dance their way inside while holding and tossing cane-like wands. The camera moves to the left of the room as the Dapper Brothers tap dance their way through. They both then start to sing.

DON (speaking)
HE FAINTED!

DAVE (speaking)
HE FAINTED!

Cut to a close up shot of Max's face, as he's still slouched on the floor, faintly. The Dapper Brothers both slide into the scene, closeup, next to Max's left (Dave) and right (Don) sides as they continue singing.

DON AND DAVE (singing; in unison)
He really really fainted!

Cut to an upper body view of Agent Wayne as he's a bit annoyed by Don and Dave's presence. A few seconds later, Don walks slightly next to Agent Wayne, much to his annoyance that he tries to shove him away as he grunts. Don continues singing as Agent Wayne grunts.

DON (singing)
I guess we'll just see what happens next!

Dave pops up from offscreen as he starts speaking afterwards.

DAVE (speaking)
Back at ya, Don!

Cut to a 3rd quarter view of the door, open, with the Dapper Brothers about to leave, tipping their hats, as they end their song.

DON AND DAVE (speaking; in unison)
Wink!

The door shuts in tune with the final notes. As the lights come back on, the camera zooms out to reveal Wayne and Max, now standing, staring at each other, confused.

MAX (confused)
(pause)
Oooooooookay…

Max starts walking to the left, with the GameSphere in his hands, as he sighs.

MAX
(sighs)

Cut to an upper torso shot of Agent Wayne as he looks in the direction that Max is walking, feeling sorrow for him. He then leans his upper body forward as he begins to speak.

AGENT WAYNE (sorrowfully)
Maximillian, is there something wrong?

Cut to a half-depressed and half-angry Max, sitting on the stairs, looking down. He suddenly looks at Agent Wayne, who is offscreen and speaks.

MAX (mildly upset)
Of course something's wrong!
(groans while head is on hands, then pause)
Oh, sorry Wayne.
(sighs)

It's just…

Cut to EXT. NYC TIMES SQUARE APARTMENT #7 - DAY, as the camera pans and zooms out as the sun sets in the background. We hear Max talking to Wayne, both are offscreen, as this happens.

MAX (CONT'D; O.S)
I've always figured what it'd be like to be…different from other people for once.

AGENT WAYNE (O.S)
You mean like…to have special abilities and skills?

MAX (O.S)
Indeed!

As the camera stops moving at a far distance from the apartment and a building on the left, a mysterious figure walks over from offscreen, darkened as we don't know who it could be. WIPE SLIDE RIGHT to INT. MAX'S ROOM DOOR - FRONT. The camera zooms in a little bit as we see a flashing light from behind the closed door and hear muffled sounds as well. Cut to INT. MAX'S BEDROOM - SUNSET. The front view of Max's bedroom is shown as we see a white flashing light from the left side. After a few seconds, the camera pans to the left side, revealing a desk with a computer and a chair in front of it. Max, who is sitting on the chair and holding a controller, looks at his computer screen. Max speaks as the camera stops moving.

MAX (talking to someone)
Okay.

Cut to a front view shot of Max's computer, where we can see four monitor screens. One, full-screen, of Max, and the other three, smaller and in different corners, of Deuce, Kevin and Pierre, who are all Max's friends. Max continues talking.

MAX (talking to everyone; CONT'D)
Everyone got their controllers ready, cuzzz, papa's got a new gaming console.

Max's screen lowers as Deuce's screen is lifted as he speaks.

DEUCE (impressed, chuckling)
Dude! You got the last GameSphere on the dot?
That's so stellar!

As Deuce's screen is lowered and Max's screen is brought back up, Pierre's screen is lifted as well.

PIERRE
Ho-ho! Max is the man, is he not!?
(chuckles)
Ze game console is…
(short pause)
magnifique!

MAX
Yes, Pierre, yes it is!
It's the most niche thing I've ever gotten!
(pause)
Uhhh…Deuce?

Max and Pierre's screens both lower as Deuce and Kevin's screens are shown on the upper and lower right side. Max, Pierre and Kevin are all looking at Deuce, confused and snarky.

KEVIN (snarky)
Wooo boy, he's at it again.

MAX (sarcasm)
You mean, that crush he has on one of our classmates?

PIERRE (laughs a bit)
You mean…him?

FLASHBACK to INT. EDGEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL - HALLWAY. Deuce, at his locker, looking at one of the students, Crawforde "Callum" Pennington-Baxter the III, who is offscreen. He looks to be blushing so hard, sighing in love, all the while love music is playing in the background. After a few seconds, we hear Pierre's voice as we flash forward back to the present.

PIERRE (V.O.)
Hellooo?
Deuceeeeeee!!

We still see the same 4 monitors on our screen as Deuce wakes up from his "daydreaming", while Max, Kevin and Pierre all laugh.

DEUCE (confused)

W-what?

Cut to a side view of Max's room. After two seconds, the camera moves right to the window, where Kaeso, as a silhouette, is strugglingly climbing up to the window. Suspense music starts to play as the window slowly opens. Cut to a close up shot of Max, who turns off his computer and turns his head suspiciously, in slow-motion.

MAX (suspiciously; in slow-motion)
Huh?

Max gets up from his desk and stands them, both legs apart. A slow panning shot is shown between Max and the window slowly opening with Kaeso's rear view in frame. Max quickly gets into a fighting position as he looks closely at the window.

MAX (suspiciously)
SHOW YOURSELF!
Whoever you are!

Cut to the window, which finally opens, and Kaeso, still a silhouette, enters. Cut to a slowly moving close up of Max's face, shocked. Cut back to an upper body shot of Kaeso, who slowly walks towards Max, his silhouette fading as he does.

KAESO (bravely)
Greetings, Maximillian Reynolds.

Cut back to a close up shot of Max's face, now frightened, as the camera slowly moves closer.

FADE OUT.

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

INT. MAX'S BEDROOM - SUNSET

A frightened Max is standing opposite of Kaeso, both of whom's side profiles are in view. The window is still open, causing the breeze to flow into Max's room. Kaeso shrugs his arms up, hands open, as he looks at Max nervously.

KAESO (nervously, but confident)

Now, Max, I know you're…a bit frightened by this-

Max starts throwing punches in the air as Kaeso backs away, nervously.

MAX (grunting)
Get out!
(breathes heavily)
GET LOST, you creep!

Cut to a close up shot of Kaeso, shocked, as Max, from his pov, is still punching the air.

KAESO
But-

MAX (grunting)
Get out!

KAESO
(breathes)
(pause)
(echoing)
THAT'S ENOUGH, MAXIMILLIAN CONNOR REYNOLDS!!

As Kaeso echoes his voice, an outer yellowish glow forms around him as we hear crumbling effects from the scene. Cut to a shot of Max (up to the neck), appalled and stunned by what he just witnessed.

MAX (stunned)
(pause, then chuckling)
Whoa dude, you middle named me!

Cut to a shot of Kaeso, after the outer glow fades. He then closes his eyes, with a frown and then levitates to the left side of the room as the camera moves with him. Max turns around, confused.

MAX (confused)
But, I still don't understand how or even why you're here. In MY room!

KAESO (confidently)
Because…you. Are. The next one.

Cut to a closer shot of Max, still confused, with both feet apart and hands open.

MAX (concerned)
The next one to what exactly?

The camera pans out slowly as Kaeso comes into frame, still confident.

KAESO (CONT'D)
The next member of the Reynolds family to become a gladiator!

Cut to a shot of Max, shocked, feet still apart and his arms now apart, hands open. The camera moves closer as the background becomes blackened and a suspenseful sting plays in the background.

MAX (frightened and stunned)
(pause)
Roman armored guy who sneaked into my room, scares me with freaky powers and tells me I'm a gladiator, say what!?

Suddenly, a door opening sound is heard as Max turns his head towards his door. Cut to a shot of the door, as it opens, revealing Mr. Reynolds (Max's father), Deuce, Pierre and Kevin, who are all shocked.

DEUCE, PIERRE, KEVIN and MR. REYNOLDS (in unison)
(screaming)

Cut to an upper body shot of both Max and Kaeso as they both also scream.

MAX and KAESO (in unison)
(screaming)

Cut to a shot of both sides of the room, as they all scream in unison, freaking out.

MAX, KAESO, DEUCE, PIERRE, KEVIN and MR. REYNOLDS (in unison)
(screaming, then silent)

KAESO (nervously)
Uhhh…
(pause)
Hello! I am Kaeso Velius Opis, Maximillian's guardian mentor.

Cut to a shot of Pierre, Kevin and Deuce in front of Mr. Reynolds, whose lower body is only shown. They all look at each other, then at Max in shock.

PIERRE (a bit shaken)
(pause)
Max, you have lots of explaining to do!

Cut to a shot of Max, nervously looking at his friends, sweating on his face. The camera is zooming in really slowly. Fade to EXT. EDGEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL - FRONT ENTRANCE, where we can see students walking up to the entrance. Cut to INT. EDGEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL - CAFETERIA. We see all the students in this dynamic wide shot of the cafeteria, some sitting down and others getting their food in the lunch line. Cut to a shot of a lunch table, where Max, Deuce, Kevin and Pierre are sitting. As they sit down with their trays, Kevin starts speaking.

KEVIN
So let me get this straight.

Cut to a closeup 3Q shot of Kevin, looking at Max (who is sitting next to him), while continuing to talk.

KEVIN (CONT'D)
Kaeso has been snooping around for you all day-

The camera moves to Deuce, who is sitting next to Pierre, who continues where Kevin left off.

DEUCE
And he's the one who found you to be the next in a long line of gladiators?

The camera then moves to Pierre, who is sitting next to Deuce, and starts speaking.

PIERRE (stunned)
I still can't believe you're going to be protecting us from villains!

Cut to a shot of the four friends as Max starts talking, while putting some of his food in a spoon.

MAX
I know it's kinda hard to get used to, but trust me, it'll be worth it!

Cut to a side shot of Max's tray, as the camera is still for a few seconds. Then, the camera moves up to a side profile of Max, looking down at his tray, as he continues talking.

MAX (CONT'D)
I mean, just think!

The camera shutters as we see art of Max, earning a medal at a ceremony, as Max continues speaking as a voiceover.

MAX (V.O; CONT'D)
I could earn a medal in a match against a villain!
I'd be legendary!

The camera shutters as we see a shot of Pierre, still eating with the others, as he starts speaking.

PIERRE
Yeah, but there's still the extra amount of whack homework!

The camera zooms out a bit to reveal Deuce and Kevin as they start speaking respectively.

DEUCE (agreeing with Pierre)
Word!
I mean, what if you don't get your certificate at graduation?

KEVIN (agreeing with the others)
It just doesn't seem right.

Cut to a shot of Max, upper body, as he starts speaking.

MAX
Pfft!
Chillax, guys!
I'll be able to balance life with hero work.
(short pause, then smirkingly)
You'll see.

CUT to an aerial shot of the exterior of Edgewater Middle School, where the camera moves back to reveal the mysterious figure from earlier, who then starts speaking.

MYSTERIOUS FIGURE
Ahhh yes…

(short pause)
Middle school, the perfect place to strike.
(chuckling)

Cut to a closer shot of the mysterious figure, as he takes off the black coat when he's still talking.

MYSTERIOUS FIGURE/COLDBREAKER
(CONT'D)
For I am…
(pause)
COLDBREAKER!!
(evil cackling)

The camera zooms into Coldbreaker's eyes as the background and the rest of his body fades to black. FADE TO BLACK and FADE TO EXT. EDGEWATER MIDDLE SCHOOL - FRONT ENTRANCE. After a couple of seconds, the school bell rings as we see students walking out the front entrance. Then we see Deuce, Pierre, Kevin and Max all walking out together, with their backpacks, all talking to each other. Cut to a shot of Deuce, Kevin, Pierre and Max walking on the sidewalk, only their upper bodies shown. Pierre starts talking.

PIERRE
I must say, this week has SERIOUSLY gone by fast, no?

DEUCE
Anyways, we better get a ride soon or I might have to take my limo home.

Cut to a closeup shot of Max, who's facing Deuce, who is offscreen, as he starts talking.

MAX (snarky)
And I'd never thought you were rich-

The camera moves to the left, revealing Deuce, who is facing forward but looking at Max (who is now offscreen). He starts speaking.

DEUCE
Oh, pfft!
Come on, Max!
It's just a matter before I'd probably have my butler take out my own trash.

Cut to a shot of all four boys as they all start laughing as they are still walking. Then afterwards, we hear screaming coming from a distance in downtown New York.

MAX, DEUCE, KEVIN and PIERRE (in unison; shocked)
(gasp)

Cut to a shot of downtown New York, where we see people running for their lives across the streets and tunnels to the subway station, as ice is falling down on them. Cut to a closeup shot of Deuce, concerned and confused.

DEUCE (confused and concerned)
Ice?
(short pause)
B-but, it's spring!

The camera moves to Max, who looks visibly shocked.

MAX (shocked)
And who is that doof!?

Cut to a wide shot of a street in New York, with a car, inside of a big, frozen, ice block. A lot of smoke is rising from the center behind the car. The camera slowly moves closer as a silhouette is shown walking up towards the top of the car. The silhouette is revealed to be Coldbreaker, who was revealed earlier.

COLDBREAKER
The "DOOF" you are referring to is me, the menacingly icy…COLDBREAKER!!
(maniacally laughing)

Cut to a 4 tile shot of Deuce, Pierre, Max and Kevin, all of whom look worried.

DEUCE, PIERRE, MAX and KEVIN (worried; in unison)
Oh man.

FADE OUT.

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

DOWNTOWN NEW YORK - DAY (GRAY CLOUDS SURROUNDING THE SUN)

Coldbreaker is still maniacally laughing, as the camera zooms out as we see Max, Deuce, Kevin and Pierre (looking right at Coldbreaker). A few seconds later, the camera moves to the right as Max, Deuce, Kevin and Pierre turn around and look at each other.

KEVIN (courageously)
Okay, whoever that…dweeb is, we have got to stop him before he wreaks more havoc!

DEUCE
Um…HOW!?
We don't have powers or magic or whatever!

PIERRE
None of the three of us do…
(pause)
except…

Deuce, Kevin and Pierre slowly turn their heads towards Max, squinting their eyes and smiling heavily at him.

MAX (confused)
What!?

Cut to a closeup shot of Deuce, looking at Max.

DEUCE
Max, you're the only one who has powers!
You are our last hope now!
(short pause)
You are the only one who can save all of New York!

Cut to a moving camera shot of Max, surprised by what Deuce's saying.

DEUCE (CONT'D)
You've got to go out there and kick some villain booty if you want to save us!

PIERRE
Deuce is right, if you don't save the world…
it will be the end of us all!

KEVIN

Now go out there, and show that Cold-freak what you're made of!

Suddenly, we briefly see the March Hare and Quinn, running towards each other, and then holding hands, yelling.

MARCH HARE and QUINN (yelling; in unison)
WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE!!!

MARCH HARE
Hypothetically speaking, if we were to die from a burning cold and FREEZING villain, wouldn't we-

QUINN (annoyed)
Zip it, rabbit.

Max then takes a deep breath and the camera zooms in on his face as he pulls an angry yet brave expression.

MAX (bravely)
(deep breath)
I'm on it.

Cut to an upper body shot of Coldbreaker, still maniacally laughing. Then suddenly, Max's voice is heard.

MAX (O.S.)
Stop!

COLDBREAKER
(stops laughing)
Huh!?

Cut to a shot of Max, standing up in front of Kevin, Deuce and Pierre, who are all behind him. Max then walks up towards Coldbreaker as the camera moves, talking.

MAX (bravely; British accent)
I say, you cold-hearted freak!
You're destroying New York with a freezing blaster, but this all ends now!
That's right, Coldbreaker, I, Max Welsey Reynolds, am going to stop you!
(pause, then normally, ecstatic)
I really gotta use this British accent more often.

KEVIN
Welsey isn't even your middle name, it's Camilo.

Cut to a shot of Coldbreaker, slyly smiling at Max.

COLDBREAKER (mockingly)
Awwwwww…love the British accent!
(chuckles)
(pause)
But sorry, the answer is no.

Coldbreaker holds out his freeze blaster and ice comes out of it. Cut to a shot of Max, who dodges the ice by managing to fly.

MAX (after he starts to fly, surprised)
(gasps)
I can- fly!?
(chuckles, then laughs)
Jokes on you, Cold-freak, I can fly-
and you can't!

Max flies straight towards Coldbreaker. Cut to a shot of Coldbreaker, who activates his jet pack and flies straight towards Max.

COLDBREAKER (teasingly)
Think again, Reynolds!
(yelling)
NOW TAKE THIS!!

Coldbreaker blows his mouth out, with frost coming out of it. Cut to a crisp shot of Max, dodging the frost from Coldbreaker's mouth, three times.

MAX (bravely)
(grunting)
Heh, that's the best you've got?

Cut to a shot of Deuce, Kevin and Pierre, all looking up at the fight, worried and shocked at the same time. After a few seconds, Officer Vlad Saladin and Agent Wayne both strugglingly walk towards them, only to be in shock.

AGENT WAYNE (shocked)
I-is that!?

KEVIN
Yup, that is Max.

OFFICER SALADIN (shocked)
I don't believe it!

PIERRE and DEUCE (in unison)
Oh, you better believe it.

Cut to a shot of Coldbreaker, menacing looking at Max, in a villainous manner.

COLDBREAKER (menacingly)
Oh, you foolish teenage boy.
Thinking you could defeat me?
(laughs)
Yeah, right!

Cut to a shot of Max, still flying, but now looking angsty at Coldbreaker, who is offscreen, grunting heavily.

COLDBREAKER (menacingly; offscreen; CONT'D)
You're just a middle schooler, you don't have any potential as a superhero-
(maniacally laughing)

MAX (angry)
(grunting)
I'll…show…you-
(grunting very heavily as his body starts glowing)

Suddenly, lightning strikes swerve through Max's body as he grunts very heavily. The scene fades to white. CUE to MAXIMUS' TRANSFORMATION SEQUENCE, with 'Make it Big' playing while this happens. After the transformation, FADE to white, then fade to a shot of Coldbreaker, in shock.

COLDBREAKER (shocked)
It…can't brrrrrr-be!

Cut to a closeup shot of a black silhouette with a glowing yellow light. The camera then zooms out, revealing that the silhouette is actually Max, fully transformed into Maximus Thundercloud.

MAXIMUS (bravely, chuckling)

O-ho yeeah!
This is too cool!
Now, who has potential as a superhero, Cold-freak!?

Maximus then holds out his left fist, as it is pulsed with lightning strikes, and points it directly at Coldbreaker, flying towards him.

MAXIMUS (bravely)
You're done for!

Cut to a closeup shot of Coldbreaker, worriedly.

COLDBREAKER (worriedly)
No-NO!!

The camera zooms out as a lightning strike swerves around Coldbreaker, as he yells in anger.

COLDBREAKER (angrily)
NOOOOOOOOO!!

The scene then glows as we hear a thunder sound effect. A few seconds in, it fades to the ground as we see smoke on a still maintained street. The camera then moves to show Deuce, Kevin, Pierre, Saladin and Wayne, who are all on the ground, struggling to get up.

OFFICER SALADIN (groaning)
Ughh, my head.

AGENT WAYNE (groaning a bit)
Uh, is everyone okay?

Suddenly, Max's voice is heard from offscreen, presumably transformed back.

MAX (offscreen; bravely)
Yep, I sure am.

Cut to a moving shot of Max, bravely crossing his arms, looking at his peers (who are offscreen).

PIERRE, DEUCE, KEVIN, SALADIN and WAYNE (happily; offscreen; in unison)
Max!

The camera then zooms out as the others run over to Max, hugging him. Cut to a shot of Agent Wayne, who is still hugging Max, as he looks at him with confusion.

AGENT WAYNE (confused)
But- what happened to your powers?

The camera then moves to the left, showing Deuce, also still hugging Max, holding a smug face.

DEUCE (smugly)
And that swagger heroic costume.

The camera then moves to Max, who is being hugged.

MAX (confidently)
Who knows?
(chuckles)
But one thing I do know- they could come in handy.

Cut to an upper body shot of Agent Wayne, who is ecstatic.

AGENT WAYNE (ecstatically)
Hey, you should totally be a superhero!
You know, saving the world, defeating villains…all while still juggling your schoolwork that is.
(short pause, then smugly)
I could be your partner-in-crime if you'd like.
(chuckles)

The camera zooms out a bit as Saladin walks towards Wayne, being next to him.

OFFICER SALADIN (bravely)
Hey, a detective like me could also come in handy, so consider me, at your service!

Cut to a shot of Deuce, Pierre and Kevin, who are all looking at Max. They then look at each other, bravely, as Pierre speaks.

PIERRE (confidently)
Count us in, too.

Cut to an extended shot of Agent Wayne, Officer Saladin, Kevin, Pierre, Deuce and Max, who are all close together, as we see a bit of smoke in front of them, on the ground.

MAX (thinking)
Hmm…I don't know.
Balancing the school life and the superhero life would be a lot of work.

Then, we see a student bully, Brody Griffin, walking by, with both his arms raised, as if flexing them.

BRODY
I don't know what that thunder was, but one thing remains…
(short pause)
I-

Max then holds out his right hand, with a lightning bolt coming out of it. It hits Brody, who is now feeling dizzy.

BRODY (woozy)
I-I'm feeling…woozy-

Brody then falls and thuds on the ground. Max then speaks.

MAX
Then again, it could work.

AGENT WAYNE and OFFICER SALADIN (in unison)
(chuckling, then laughing)

The camera then moves up towards the night sky as the moon is shown, glowing. Kaeso's voice is heard.

KAESO (offscreen)
Hey guys, what'd I miss?

FADE OUT.

EPILOGUE

FADE IN:

INT. MAX'S BEDROOM - DAY

Agent Wayne and Officer Saladin are pushing Max, who is blindfolded into an elevator in his room, presumably built near his desk.

AGENT WAYNE (happily)
Come on, you'll love it!

OFFICER SALADIN (happily)
Yeah!

Cut to the inside of the elevator, which is just a singular pole. Max, still blindfolded, Agent Wayne and Officer Saladin all hold on to the pole.

MAX (confused)
It's a Monday, I would be in my room doing my homework.

OFFICER SALADIN (excitedly)
I know, but you'll love this.

FLIP SLIDE RIGHT to INT. THE CAVERN. Agent Wayne and Officer Saladin both walk away from the pole with Max, still blindfolded.

AGENT WAYNE
Okay, Maximillian.
You can uncover the blindfold now.

Max uncovers the blindfold, only to be in awe.

MAX (amazed)
Whoa…

Cut to a wide shot of the entire cavern as we see Wayne, Max, Saladin, Deuce, Pierre and Kevin all on different sides of the area.

DEUCE, PIERRE and KEVIN (happily; in unison)
Ta-daaa!!

Cut to a shot of Deuce, Pierre and Kevin as Max, Wayne and Saladin walk up to them.

MAX (amazed)
W-what's all this for!?

DEUCE

Well, we figured since you got your powers, we decided to do something for you over the weekend.

KEVIN
So, we took the day off from school to build all of this!

PIERRE
Aside from being our…hangout spot, it's also our base of operations!

Max then hugs Deuce, Pierre and Kevin, who all hug him back.

MAX (amazed)
Thanks guys!
You really shouldn't have done all of this.

Cut to a shot of Deuce, Pierre and Kevin, all smugly looking at Max (who is offscreen).

DEUCE (smugly)
Also, one more thing-
We hired extra help on the job.

The camera zooms out as we see two characters - Tank Copper, who is a hunter type of sorts, and Agent Chapman, who is a part of the same unit that Wayne is in, specializing in gadgetry and high-class special operations.

AGENT CHAPMAN
G'day, Maximus Thundercloud.

TANK
Sup!

Cut to a closeup shot of Max, still amazed. Then, he pulls a smug face as he speaks.

MAX (smugly)
I think I'm gonna like being a gladiator!

FADE OUT.